

RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

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The Sunday School.

Topic for the Quarter: The missionary and his home. Lesson for Jan. 12, 1885.—Acts 20:28-35.

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Life Without Care.

There are few who have not often

wished that they might cast away all

care and who do not often long for that

freedom from every care which they

are wont to regard as the very crown

of human happiness. And it is one

of those thousand blessings which we

do not appreciate that all such

wishes have been and always will be

unfulfilled. God knows better than we

our highest aim may be what we call

happiness. But, as Carlyle says, there

is in man a higher aim than happiness;

he can do without happiness, and

attain instead to blessedness. Perhaps

he might be happy if freed from all

care, but we certainly could not be

blest. We might be happy as the birds

are happy, as the cattle of the field

are, but we could not be men in the

full enjoyment of an harmonious, sym-

metrical method, with man's own

freedom, and man's responsibility.

These are the distinctions of man

alone who was made in God's own

image. And they cannot exist where

there are no cares. Well, therefore, does

George W. Cable exclaim in his

"Grandissime," in commenting upon

the freedom from care of the Southern

slave-owners, the possession of which

slave-owners used to attribute

to the poor negro, "What a crime we

commit when we rob men and women

of their cares!"—Dr. Berlund.

Intelligent Feeding for Milk.

Last winter's rations were fresh

marsh hay, cut early, (varying from

four to five tons to each cow), and

little yellow corn cobs, with four

pounds each of wheat bran and con-

cent meal, to each cow. This winter,

one fourth of the hay is replaced by a

little more or less of English hay, with

four pounds wheat bran, 3 pounds

cotton seed meal, and 2 pounds corn

and-cob meal, divided into two meals.

I feed twice daily. Beginning at 5 a.

m., the cows are kept eating until full

about 8.30. They are watered about

8, while eating, as I think they drink

better during feeding time, than after

waiting awhile. In the afternoon I

begin feeding at 3.15; water at 4, and

finish through 6.30. I feed

grain in the morning as given in an

hour before watering, with a little salt in

the afternoon, grain after watering, with-

out salt. I feed the best hay first,

ending with the poorest. I would in-

crease the amount of grain rather than

lessen it, with so much poor fodder, al-

though this gives me very good results.

My good English hay is marketed at

better results than that which brings in

little. I raise a number of calves each

year for my own use, and this

winter fodder is almost wholly cheap

hay to young stock, varying from

six months to first calving time. I give

2 pounds of wheat bran and 2 pounds

of cotton seed meal, (or oil meal is

about as good), with what they will

eat up clean. The younger the animal,

the more grain according to their size

(containing the bone and muscle

forming material lacking in the poor

hay) they will need to keep them

growing satisfactorily.—[Frank Wheeler,

Middlesex county, Mass.

The Use of Finger Rings.

While there is a touch of barbarism

in wearing rings on the fingers yet the

civilized hand has no long been adorned

by them, that it would look plain

and unfinished without its hooped

gold. The ancient Romans wore the

ring on the joint just under the nail.

The Hebrews wore it on the right hand

alone. The Greeks wore their rings on

the fourth finger of the left hand.

In Piny's time the betrothal ring was

an iron hoop, set with a loadstone in-

stead of a gem.

The Romans were even greater slaves

to fashion than we of the present. They

had winter and summer rings, the

weight and color of the ring being

adapted to the season. The Greeks

wore weekly rings, which were charms,

and were always intaglio and cameos.

Talismanic rings were also in use among

the Romans.

Seal rings were beautiful and of

great value in business transactions.

The wedding ring is of great antiquity.

It is a common thing to find wives who

have been married a lifetime yet never

had allowed the wedding ring to slip

